

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 139

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 4/13/99

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act authorizing certain psychologists to prescribe and dispense certain
2 psychotropic medications and their adjuncts within the practice of psychology."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 08.80.157(j) is amended to read:

5 (j) This section does not apply to the offices of physicians, osteopaths,
6 podiatrists, physician assistants, advanced nurse practitioners, dentists, veterinarians,
7 dispensing opticians, **psychologists**, or optometrists.

8 * **Sec. 2.** AS 08.80.400 is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 08.80.400. Other licensees not affected.** This chapter does not affect the
10 practice of medicine by a licensed medical doctor and does not limit a licensed
11 medical doctor, osteopath, podiatrist, physician assistant, advanced nurse practitioner,
12 dentist, veterinarian, dispensing optician, **psychologist**, or optometrist in supplying a
13 patient with any medicinal preparation or article within the scope of the person's
14 license.

1 * **Sec. 3.** AS 08.86 is amended by adding a new section to read:

2 **Sec. 08.86.132. License endorsement.** (a) The board may issue a license
3 endorsement authorizing a psychologist to prescribe and dispense psychotropic
4 medications and their adjuncts within the scope of the practice of psychology if the
5 applicant for the endorsement has

6 (1) within the five-year period immediately preceding application for
7 the endorsement,

8 (A) completed a program of didactic instruction acceptable to
9 the board that consisted of at least 300 contact hours and included the
10 following core areas of instruction: neuroscience, pharmacology,
11 psychopharmacology, physiology, pathophysiology, appropriate and relevant
12 physical and laboratory assessment, and clinical pharmacotherapeutics; and

13 (B) obtained relevant supervised clinical experience with at least
14 100 patients under the direction of a qualified practitioner as determined by the
15 board; and

16 (2) passed an examination approved by the board that tested the
17 applicant's knowledge in the areas described in (1)(A) of this subsection.

18 (b) An endorsement under this section expires or is revoked or suspended at
19 the same time as the license to which it attaches. The endorsement may be renewed
20 upon satisfactory completion of continuing education requirements established by the
21 board by regulation.

22 (c) The board shall annually transmit to the Board of Pharmacy a list of
23 psychologists who have endorsements under this section and shall notify the Board of
24 Pharmacy in a timely manner upon termination, suspension, or reinstatement of an
25 endorsement.

26 (d) A pharmacist or pharmaceutical supplier may supply a psychologist with
27 psychotropic medications and their adjuncts upon presentation of evidence that the
28 psychologist holds an endorsement under this section.

29 (e) In this section, "psychotropic medications and their adjuncts" are those
30 substances defined in AS 11.71.900 that are reasonably necessary

31 (1) for the prevention, treatment, or amelioration of psychological

1 problems and emotional and mental disorders of individuals; or

2 (2) to assist in preventing or relieving the side effects of substances
3 described in (1) of this subsection.

4 * **Sec. 4.** AS 08.86.180(c) is amended to read:

5 (c) Nothing in this chapter authorizes a person licensed as a psychologist to
6 engage in the practice of medicine, as defined by the laws of the state, **but a**
7 **psychologist with an endorsement under AS 08.86.132 may prescribe and dispense**
8 **psychotropic medications and their adjuncts within the scope of the practice of**
9 **psychology.**